IN THE UNITED THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Confirmation No. 4290

Masaaki TABUCHI et al.

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2008, the period for response having been extended for three months by the attached petition, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.